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REMARKS

Claim 68 has been amended. Claims 43-47, 49-50, and 61-69 are now pending in this application. Support for the amendments is found in the existing claims and the specification as discussed below. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 68 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris, et al. and further in view of Huston, et al.

This ground of rejection is believed to be overcome by Applicants' claim amendment. Claim 68 is now dependent upon claim 67 which has been indicated as allowable. Claim 68 as amended no longer recites coupling at the N-terminus.

In view of Applicants' amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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